THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court in its majority judgement in Indira Sawhney and other Vs. Union of India and other (Mandal Case) had observed as under:

"the reservations contemplated in clause (4) of article 16 should not exceed 50 per cent. While 50 per cent shall be the rule, it is necessary not to put out of consideration certain extraordinary situations inherent in the great diversity of this country and the people. It might happen that in far flung and remote areas the population inhabiting those areas might, on account of their out of the mainstream of national life and in view of the conditions peculiar to and characteristic of them, need to be treated in a different way, some relaxation in this strict rule may become imperative. In doing so, extreme caution is to be exercised and a special case made out."

It would thus be seen that the Supreme Court itself had visualised certain extreme situations where departure from the 50 per cent rule could be justified and a special case made out.

(c) (i) The following States provide 50 per cent or less than 50 per cent reservation quota for backward classes (SCs, STs and OBCs) in the Sate Services: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa; Gujarat; Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Maharashtra. Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthtan, Uttar Pradesh; West Bengal and Tripura.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura are not; at present providing reservation for OBSs.

The States of Sikkim does not provide any reservation for SCs, STs or OBCs.

(ii) The States which are providing reservation in excess of 50 per cent are as follows; Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Nagaland; Tamil Nadu.

**Welfare Schemes for Tribals**

1746. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 13th July, 1994 regarding welfare schemes/schemes of Government not reaching tribals in several states.parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto stating the steps taken to provide welfare to tribals in the concerned area/parts of the conutry?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The information has been called for from all the Tribal sub-plan States/UTs. The same will be laid on the Table of the House as and when received.

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[*The Deputy Chairman* in the Chair]

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

**Notification of the Ministry of Food**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, a copy (in Engish and Hindi) of the Ministry of Food Notification S.O. No. 374, dated the 13th

May, 1994, publishing the Gur (Control) Order 1994.

**Memorandums of Understanding between Govt. of India, Ministry of Steel and various Metal Companies**

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-6125/94]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the folowing papers:—

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited for the year 1994-95.

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(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited for the year 1994-95.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-6223/94]

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Sponge Iron India Limited for the year 1994-95.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-6226/94]

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Steel) and the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited for the year 1994-95.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-6224/94]

**Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Madam, I lay on the Table, sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) Notification S. O. No. 437/(E), dated the 9th June, 1994, regarding fixation of price of various fertilisers under the Fertilisers (Control) Order, 1985.

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**(Report and Accounts, (1991-92) of the sports Authority of India, New Delhi and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): Madam, I, on behalf of Shri Mukul Wasnik lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Sports Authority of India, New Delhi, for the year 1991-92, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(ii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT 6149/94]

**Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Punjab Agro Industries Limited, Chandigarh, and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE